

# TCC News

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## Detectable Warnings

Detectable warnings are an ADA requirement in the current Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) for the use of detecting the boundary between the sidewalk and the street. The original requirement in ADAAG was suspended for a time to conduct further research. Research was conducted, and the suspension of the requirement was lifted on July 26, 2001. Detectable warnings are now required when constructing and altering curb ramps. Truncated domes are the only detectable warnings allowed by ADAAG. They are a unique design and have proven to be the most detectable surface. The original ADA design standard for truncated domes is found in ADAAG (4.29.2). After the research was conducted, a new design recommendation was made for the dimension and placement of the domes on curb ramps. Both the FHWA and the U.S. Access Board are encouraging the use of the new design pattern and application over the original ADAAG design. For information on the recommended design and other useful information contact Peggy Holland, Transportation Planner with TCC at 937-328-7689 or [pholland@ci.springfield.oh.us](mailto:pholland@ci.springfield.oh.us) or visit [www.accessboard.gov](http://www.accessboard.gov).

## Ozone Action Program

The Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee (CCSTCC) and the Springfield City Area Transit (SCAT) are working with Regional Ozone Action Program to reduce smog in Clark, Greene, Miami, and Montgomery Counties.

The Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA) issues Ozone Action Days declarations when the weather/heat conditions are such that high concentrations of ground-level ozone (smog) levels are likely. This condition affects elderly and children or adults with respiratory problems.

Strategies that the public can practice that will help alleviate high concentrations of Ozone on these days are:

- Alternative Transportation;
- Avoid letting your car idle for long periods of time;
- Wait until after 6pm to use gas-powered engines;
- Tune your car according to schedule;
- Combine errands so there will be fewer trips;
- Conserve energy at home and work;
- Limit the use of paints, solvents and de-greasers;
- Refuel your vehicle in the evening.
- Avoid topping off the tank and tighten gas cap.

Another measure is the Gas Cap Replacement Program. Leaking gas caps are the responsible for 25% of vehicles that fail the E-Check program.

This program involves testing gas caps at designated locations and replacing those that fail the test for free. Citizens can even get their gas caps tested before they go to the E-Check stations to determine if they can have a leaking gas cap and have it replaced for free.

For further information or to have your gas cap checked in between scheduled dates, call Lamar Daniel at 324-7754.

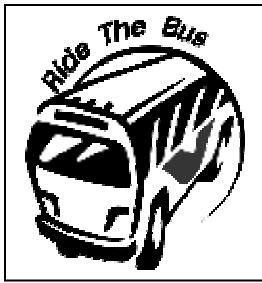
## Transportation Improvement Program

It is once again time to compile a list of potential Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects for State Fiscal Years 2004 – 2007. Proposed projects must be identified in or consistent with the current Transportation Plan. The TIP must also be fiscally constrained. The projected federal funding levels available for projects have been reduced by 14% for the next cycle. Typically, federal funds may be used to cover up to 80% of project costs, with the other 20% the responsibility of the local sponsor.

Requests for project consideration will be accepted in our office until September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002. It is not necessary to provide great detail for the initial request. A brief project description, location, construction year and rough cost estimate will be sufficient. Additional information will be requested through the project selection process. For additional information or assistance please contact Peggy Holland, 937-324-7689 or [pholland@ci.springfield.oh.us](mailto:pholland@ci.springfield.oh.us).

## Support HB 260

HB 260 sponsored by Ohio House Representative, Ron Rhine is proposing State Route 4 between Springfield and I-70 be named Heritage Parkway. Please send letters of support to: Senator Jeffery Armbruster 13th District-North Ridgeville, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For more information on HB 260 please contact Thea Walsh at TCC, 937-324-7752 or [twalsh@ci.springfield.oh.us](mailto:twalsh@ci.springfield.oh.us).



## Freeway Management Study

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC), Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee (CCSTCC) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has requested letters of interest to obtain professional consulting services for the Miami Valley Regional Freeway Management System (MVRFMS) ITS Architecture, Strategic Plan and Integration Strategy.

These agencies seek to develop a regional monitoring and communication systems for real-time detection of traffic volumes and speeds, incident response and management, video monitoring at critical/strategic locations, traveler information and route diversion. Due to the planned reconstruction of I-75 through the Dayton core, I-70 widening in Clark and Montgomery Counties, I-70/I-75 interchange reconstruction, and other anticipated interstate improvements, considerations by the selected consultant will be given to staged implementation of the system, flexibility for the system, use of the system during reconstruction of the interstate and what things need to be done to make the future system design compatible.

The study tasks will include: Regional Integration; Identifying Traffic Volumes, Congestion and High Crash Rates; Identifying Incident Detection; Identifying Diversionary Routes; Functional Analysis and Recommendations; Field Device Location; Transportation Operations Centers; Cost Review and Implementation Plan; and Final Report and Presentation. The consultant will be selected by the end of August 2002 and authorized to proceed for the duration of the agreement, which will be fifteen (15) months.

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### Job Access and Reverse Commute Transit Grant

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) makes federal funds available to improve mobility and suburban employment opportunities for welfare recipients and other low-income people through the provision of new or expanded transportation

Clark County has applied, through the City of Springfield, for a \$25,000 JARC Grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). These federal funds will be combined with the local match of \$25,000 from the Clark County Department of Job and Family Services (CCDJFS). As an authorized FTA grant recipient, the City of Springfield is assisting in this grant request by acting as the requesting agency. These funds will be targeted to provide transportation to the low-income adults without dependant children of Clark County. It is felt that this group has suffered from a lack of transportation options and that these funds will increase this group's access to jobs. This transportation will be available through the "Work Plus" van service sponsored by the Clark County Department of Job and Family Services (CCDJFS).

The application process was started on May 29, 2002 by Clark County Commission providing a "Letter of Intent" to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Transit. This letter identified the amount of the grant request, who the grant was intended to assist and what supporting documentation was available to support the JARC Plan. The grant request was submitted to ODOT on June 24, 2002. ODOT has reviewed the application and forwarded it, with its recommendation for acceptance, on to FTA Region 5 in Chicago, Illinois. A response to the application is expected by the end of August. CCDJFS will expand its service upon receipt of the requested funds.

It will be possible to review the JARC Plan at the offices of the TCC on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Springfield City Hall. For more information contact Eric Ottoson at 937-324-7750, or [eottoson@ci.springfield.oh.us](mailto:eottoson@ci.springfield.oh.us)



### Rideshare

High gas prices got you down? Call for rideshare information today at 324-7754 (1-800-340-7754) or send an e-mail to [ldaniel@ci.springfield.oh.us](mailto:ldaniel@ci.springfield.oh.us).

### Transportation Plan Update

At the June meeting of the Transportation Coordinating Committee the updated 2025 Clark County Transportation Plan was adopted. It was recently approved by the state and federal departments of transportation. Issues addressed in the plan include: Traffic Congestion; Transit; Railways; Bikeways; Rideshare; Air Quality; Highways; Aviation; Pedestrian Access; Byways; and Multi-Modal forms of Transportation. The 2025 Clark County Transportation Plan is on file at the TCC office. If you would like to review the plan please contact TCC at 937-324-7751.

### International Walk to School Day



The 2002 event is scheduled for October 2. The goal of the walk varies from community to community. Some walks rally for safer and improved streets, some to promote healthier habits and some to conserve the environment. Whatever the reason, the events encourage a more walkable world. More information can be found on two websites, [www.walktoschool-usa.org](http://www.walktoschool-usa.org) and [www.iwalktoschool.org](http://www.iwalktoschool.org).

## Historic National Road Gets All- American Designation



Under the National Scenic Byway Program, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation recognizes certain roads as National Scenic Byways or All-American Roads based on their intrinsic qualities (archaeological, cultural, historical, natural, recreational, and scenic qualities.) On June 13<sup>th</sup>, 23 new National Scenic Byways and 13 All-American Roads were designated. Among those awarded on this date was Historic National Road. It was awarded an All-American Road Designation. The All- American Road Designation is elite and very few scenic byways receive the designation. Roads designated as All-American Roads are considered destinations unto themselves meaning that travelers take the road simply for the experience of the trip.

The Historic National Road was the nation's first federally funded highway. It runs horizontally through Ohio and Clark County. The road played a significant role in the development of Clark County and Springfield as it originally ended in Springfield. In 1837, Springfield was referred to as the town at the end of the pike. Eventually the road spanned from Maryland to Illinois making it the main road for settlers traveling west.

The All-American Road designation should help the state get more federal funds for road preservation, brochures, tour or guidebooks and information centers at historical sites along roads in Ohio. Also tourism traffic may pickup along the road as there is a growing niche market created by the byway traveler.

Soon signs labeling the All-American Road will be erected. The distinction should encourage I-70 travelers to stop and explore the heritage of the area. Some activities that may increase are visits to local businesses like novelty shops, restaurants, hotels, motels, and camping sites and historical sites like the Heritage Center, the Pennsylvania House and the Madonna of the Trail statue.

## Average Daily Traffic Volumes

The Transportation Coordinating Committee staff is currently in the process of updating the 1999 Traffic Volume map.

Traffic volumes will be collected on the Interstates, State Routes, City Streets, County and Local Roads by the Ohio Department of Transportation, City of Springfield and the Clark County Engineer's Office.

The map should be produced during the winter months and available in early spring.

Please call the TCC office if you have location request for traffic volumes that will interest you or your business/company.

## Clean Ohio Projects Funded

Three Clark County Clean Ohio projects will be funded. The City of Springfield was awarded \$1.9 million under the Clean Ohio Revitalization Program for the brownfield clean up of the former D & H Manufacturing site. National Trails Parks and Recreation District and the B-W Greenways Organization both were awarded Clean Ohio Conservation grant funding to expand and protect the Estel Wenrick Wetlands. Together they acquired more than \$380,000 to conserve the wetlands.



## Simon Kenton Trail

*Below: Ribbon Cutting ceremony held in early spring to celebrate the completion of the Northern Trail.*



The construction of the Northern Trail from Buck Creek Trail to the new staging area at Villa Rd. was completed in early spring. The trail ribbon cutting was held on March 30 and was officially dedicated as the Simon Kenton Trail.

This is the second portion of the Simon Kenton Trail from Springfield to Urbana to be completed. The first section from Woodburn Rd. (Cedar Bog) north to SR55 was completed in the summer of 2001.

Funding for both projects was provided through ODOT's Transportation Enhancement funds.

ODOT District 7 has continued the trail north from the Villa Rd. staging area to Critter Court. This necessitated the construction of a retaining wall along SR72 and pedestrian actuated signals at the new signalized intersection of SR72/Villa Rd./Eagle City Rd.

Plans are currently underway to complete the trail from Critter Court at Eagle City Road to Woodburn Rd.

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## Fall Calendar

**September 13**  
TCC Meeting  
Location T.B.A. (12 p.m.)

**September 17**  
OTDMUG Meeting  
Scott Airfield, Columbus

**September 18, 19 & 20**  
TRB Planning Conference  
Cincinnati (9a.m. - 5p.m.)

**September 19**  
OPWC District 11 Committee Meetings  
Springfield Township Hall (9 a.m.)

**September 25**  
Ohio National Road Board Meeting  
Room GA at ODOT, Columbus

**September 25, 26 & 27**  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio GIS Conference  
Marriott North Hotel - Columbus  
(9a.m. – 5p.m.)

**October 9**  
Transportation Improvement Program (T.I.P)  
Public Meeting  
Location T.B.A.

**October 11**  
TCC Meeting  
South Charleston Location  
T.B.A. (12 p.m.)

**October 16**  
GIS Users Group Meeting  
Springfield City Hall (9:30 a.m.)

**November 8**  
TCC Meeting  
Location T.B.A. (12 p.m.)

**November 14**  
OPWC District 11 Committee Meetings  
Springfield Township Hall (9 a.m.)

**November 20**  
GIS Users Group Meeting  
Springfield City Hall (9:30 a.m.)

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